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E.O. 12065: ROS-1 4/15/86 (ZIMMERMANN, WARREN)  
TAGS: FR, UR  
SUBJECT: (U) MORE ON GRONYKO VISIT TO PARIS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. ☒ CONFIRMS  
GRONYKO'S ARRIVAL IN PARIS APRIL 23.  
SAYS GRONYKO WILL BE RECEIVED BY GISCARD D'ESTAING.

3. ☒  
(THE FIRST WESTERN GOVERNMENT  
TO RECEIVE A SOVIET OFFICIAL OF GRONYKO'S  
RANK POST-  
AFGHANISTAN. HE DESCRIBES THE SOVIETS AS VERY  
EAGER FOR THE VISIT AND ANXIOUS TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR  
"SPECIAL RELATIONS" WITH PARIS. FOR THEIR PART, THE  
FRENCH WILL PLAY THE VISIT AS OF A PIECE WITH SOVIET  
FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNITENKO'S TRIP TO  
PARIS IN JANUARY AND MFA SECRETARY GENERAL DE LEUSSE'S  
RETURN VISIT IN MARCH AS A WORKING VISIT IN  
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CONFORMITY WITH THE IDEA THAT IN TIMES OF CRISIS THE

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TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD TALK. THE FRENCH ARE EMPHASIZING TO THE SOVIETS THAT, WHILE THE AGENDA CAN BE QUITE BROAD, AFGHANISTAN WILL HAVE TO BE TREATED AS THE CENTRAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION. (BY CONTRAST

[ TOLD US THAT THERE ARE MANY ITEMS TO TALK ABOUT, AND AFGHANISTAN NEED NOT BE A MAJOR DISCUSSION TOPIC.)

4. THE FRENCH ARE NOT PROPOSING TOASTS AND A COMMUNIQUE, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE. HOWEVER, IF THE SOVIETS WANT THEM, THE FRENCH WILL GO ALONG, BUT WILL WARN THE SOVIETS THAT PARIS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CLEAR AND FORTHRIGHT POSITIONS IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

5. COMMENT:

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